

RECOGNIZING MR. MICHAEL SWEENEY OF TEXAS' THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ACADEMY SELECTION BOARD

### HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 18, 2022*

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, it is my privilege to honor those members of Texas' Third Congressional District's Academy Selection Board whose longtime service to Texas and the U.S. Service Academies is to be commended.

These individuals exemplify the time honored qualities of patriotism, service before self, and bold leadership which in turn have enabled them to assist in seeking out our next generation of servant leaders qualified to lead our nation as military officers in training. Not only have these patriots worn the uniform in defense of America, following their time in service they have chosen to enrich their communities, most notably through their service on this Board. One such patriot is Mr. Michael "Mike" Sweeney.

Mike Sweeney is a 1966 graduate of distinction with the United States Naval Academy (USNA). During his time at USNA, he was a member of the undefeated 1964 NCAA Championship Soccer Team and was selected as Commander of the Brigade of Midshipmen during his senior year.

Following graduation, Mike served five years as a Surface Warfare Officer in the U.S. Navy including service in the Vietnam War. Upon return to civilian life, he would join Ross Perot's Electronic Data Systems (EDS) as a trainee starting a new career in information technology. EDS would be a great place for Mike to have a career as a Navy graduate—a workplace complete with blue suits, white shirts, and good opportunities.

Sweeney worked at EDS as a systems engineer developing health care systems before moving into management, and progressively increasing in responsibility as he relocated to the company's corporate headquarters. Along the way, he pioneered the concept of remote software engineering centers and was responsible for managing seventy centers in twenty-nine countries. His teams developed new business systems for General Motors, including OnStar. Later, Mike overhauled the company's corporate technical training and worked on corporate strategy.

Notably, during the dot-com era, he served as President of the E-Solutions global delivery organization and was responsible for corporate technology strategy, thought leadership and R&D. Mike retired after 31 years of loyal service at EDS.

In retirement, Mike enjoys bike riding, fly fishing, and riding his Harley with his Naval Academy roommate. He and his wife, Peggy, have made their home in Prosper and are the proud parents to two grown children and four grandchildren.

With gratitude we thank Mike Sweeney for his over 28 years of service on the Third Congressional District's Service Academy Selection Board. While his presence as a valued member of this organization will be deeply missed, we are honored to salute him for his longtime and dedicated efforts in nominating countless young patriots to the Service Academies.

HONORING THE PATRIOTIC SERVICE OF CHAD ANDERSON

### HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 18, 2022*

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chad Anderson for his patriotic service to the City of Celina, Texas. As a City Councilman in Place 6, Chad served the City of Celina for three terms. The City of Celina sits just North of Dallas and has been a focal point of growth in the North Texas region for several years. Since 2010 the population of Celina has tripled, out pacing any other North Texas city. As a Councilman, Chad managed this explosive growth and ensured that the City was ready to take on new community members and new businesses.

One of his key policy priorities was the development of Celina's infrastructure. New roads, bridges, proper drainage, and public safety structures all bear the mark of Chad's thoughtfulness as a City Councilman. During his time in office, he never forgot about the heroes among us—law enforcement, firefighters, EMS, and all frontline workers. He ensured that the City kept its law enforcement funding when many cities throughout the country sought to defund. When firefighters needed modernized facilities and funding, Chad was their No. 1 ally.

In his 19 years in Celina, Chad has become a pillar of his community and, though he is no longer a City Councilman, will continue to be a servant leader who seeks to lift up everyone in his City. The foundation for all his service is, without a doubt, his wife Michele, and their two children, CJ and Molly.

Outside of his official work, Chad became the proprietor of his own insurance company in 2010 which gave him personal experience and insight into small business development and growth. He has also championed the Celina Cajun Fest, Oktoberfest and coached youth sports.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize Chad Anderson's patriotism and devotion to God, Family, and Country. Furthermore, Madam Speaker, I would like to personally commend Mr. Anderson for his service to the City of Celina as a Councilman and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING NEW YORK DISTRICT KIWANIS CLUB GOVERNOR JAMES M. MANCUSO

### HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 18, 2022*

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor New York District Kiwanis Club Governor, James M. Mancuso. As a longtime member of the Kiwanis Club, James has committed himself to philanthropic pursuits that have improved the lives of people across New York State.

Since its founding in 1915, members of the Kiwanis Club have devoted themselves to public service, focusing on initiatives that work for the betterment of their communities. Lead-

ers like James are the heart and soul of the Kiwanis Club, and the reason this organization has been so successful for over a century.

James Mancuso joined the Kiwanis Club in 2002 and immediately took to its mission of improving the world one child and one community at a time. James has served two terms as a Lieutenant Governor of the Long Island South Central Division and president of the East Meadow Club. He has also chaired committees on International Leadership, Youth Protection, and the Kiwanis International Children's Fund for the New York District. In October of 2021, James was promoted to New York District Kiwanis Club Governor, where he has continued his exemplary advocacy and volunteerism across New York State.

As a member of the Kiwanis Club, James has led numerous projects, most notably, building a Garden of Hope with the Kiwanis Club of East Meadow in partnership with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD), and Nassau County. The garden included a sculpture depicting the aftermath of a drunk driving accident to encourage local residents not to get behind the wheel while impaired. He has also held many fundraisers that have benefited projects to get more infants vaccinated.

For his work, James has earned the Anton J. Kaiser Award, recognition from the New York District's Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation, and an IBM Volunteers Gold Award Level for Volunteerism and Community Service.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the contributions of James M. Mancuso. A devoted volunteer and committed member of the Kiwanis Club, James has empowered members of his community through his philanthropic efforts.

RECOGNIZING THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 18, 2022*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating Department of Public Works Employee Appreciation Day by recognizing the District of Columbia Department of Public Works.

The D.C. Department of Public Works provides a number of services, including trash and recycling collection, snow removal, parking enforcement, fleet management and supporting events and demonstrations.

The D.C. Department of Public Works is home to a workforce of 1,500 employees. Many of these employees are D.C. residents, and their hard work and services contribute to the upkeep, maintenance, productivity and growth of D.C. Today, D.C. residents are joining together to show our appreciation for our D.C. Department of Public Works employees.

Madam Speaker, again, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating Department of Public Works Employee Appreciation Day by thanking the D.C. Department of Public Works for its tireless work.